



# the encouragement project

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## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

As a result of your generosity in 2024, we shared **12,089** items with children and adults in need of blankets, books, hats, scarves, mittens, stuffies, time, and encouragement. That's a fantastic number!

I'm so grateful for those who made the beautiful handmade things, and for those who donated helpful items to share and/or finances to further our mission. God provides abundantly, and connects us with so many who have so much to share. We couldn't do any of this without Him.

On the reverse side of this letter, you will find more details about what we gave out in the past year, and who it helped, supported, comforted, warmed, and encouraged.

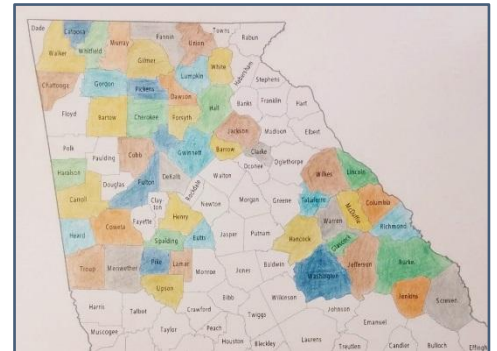
May the Lord bless you in beautiful ways as you walk close with Him this year.

*~ Stephanie*



You are my hiding place;  
you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs  
of deliverance.

Psalms 32:7



The mission of The Encouragement Project is to provide unique and purposeful opportunities to serve and encourage people in need in our communities in Jesus' name



## WHERE WE'VE SERVED

We love a good total number around here. Not so we can boast by any means, but so that we can take joy in each individual who has been helped or encouraged in some way through our efforts.

In 2024, we added on several new areas, bringing our Georgia county total to 50! We were also able to serve folks in North Carolina and Tennessee this year. The dream of reaching more of the Appalachian region is starting to become a reality. And we thank the Lord for that!

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

It would be fantastic to connect with you and start a conversation about ways you could volunteer, become a financial donor, or donate items that support and further our mission. Contact us!

# project by project

*with your help* in 2024, we shared:

## 580 BEARS and FRIENDS



These new and gently used stuffed animals have been given to kids across north Georgia and North Carolina who really needed the comfort they bring.

That's over a thousand little ones in difficult and sometimes traumatic situations who now have a soft buddy to snuggle, read to, and play with. That's real, tangible encouragement!

## 1,244 HUGS and KISSES

Our talented and generous volunteers lovingly knitted and crocheted hats, scarves, blankets, mittens, shawls, washcloths, and baby layettes that we gave to people of all ages in need of warmth and encouragement across north Georgia.

That's a lot of warm heads-to-toes, and a very many encouraged hearts!

## 239 SEW IT SEAMS

So many were warmed, comforted and served by these handmade/sewn quilts, adult bibs, baby things (bibs, burp cloths, receiving blankets, toys), and delivery bags that our gifted volunteers so generously pieced together.

It's exciting to see this project continue to grow to include many new helpers and people helped!

## 1,164 SIMPLE GIFTS

The encouragement that these small, memorable "pick-me-up's" gave the hundreds of teachers, first responders, ministry workers, healthcare workers, and many others in our north Atlanta/north Georgia communities who received them was simply beautiful.

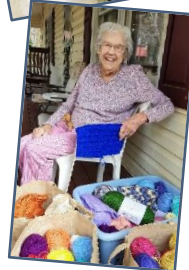
It never ceases to amaze us how impactful each small, simple handmade gift can be.

## 8,862 THE BOOK DROP



It warms our hearts to get books to kids in low income families who don't have many/any of these resources at home. These books went to children across north Georgia and east Tennessee.

The ability to read and develop literacy skills changes lives, and we are grateful to get to be a part of such an impact on thousands of kids of all ages!



It is such a blessing for all of us here at TEP – both staff and volunteers – to see the impact and encouragement that each item brings to those who receive them.

We're excited to see what the Lord has in store for 2025!